Link between the hierarchy of fractional quantum Hall states and Haldane's conjecture for quantum spin chains

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We study a strong coupling expansion of the $\nu = 1/3$ fractional quantum Hall state away from the Tao-Thouless limit and show that the leading quantum fluctuations lead to an effective spin-1 Hamiltonian that lacks parity symmetry. By analyzing the energetics, discrete symmetries of low-lying excitations, and string order parameters, we demonstrate that the $\nu = 1/3$ fractional quantum Hall state is adiabatically connected to both Haldane and large-D phases, and is characterized by a string order parameter which is dual to the ordinary one. This result indicates a close relation between (a generalized form of) the Haldane conjecture for spin chains and the fractional quantum Hall effect.

I. INTRODUCTION

There are striking similarities between the catalogue of $SU(2)$-symmetric quantum spin chains[1] and the hierarchy of fractional quantum Hall (FQH) states[2–5]. Arguably the most striking parallel is that both systems allow a $\mathbb{Z}_2$ classification. Haldane conjectured[1] that half-integer $SU(2)$ quantum spin chains support gapless excitations, protected by a topological term in the effective action, while the integer spin chains develop a mass gap. A similar structure appears in the quantized FQH effect. At filling factors $\nu < 1$, quantized conductance plateaus only occur at rational ν with *odd* denominator, while in the vicinity of *even*-denominator fractions metallic behavior is sustained. The Haldane conjecture and the phenomenology of the FQH effect communicate something pivotal about the low-lying excitations of seemingly disparate quantum phases, of low-dimensional magnetic materials and 2D electron gas in magnetic field. Hence, it is important to establish whether the similarities are merely accidental or if the structure of low-energy excitations in these systems have a related microscopic origin.

Already two decades ago, a more precise analogy between the two systems was discussed[6] in terms of off-diagonal long-range order in FQH states[7] and hidden orders present in $S = 1$ spin chains[8] (see also Refs. 9–11 for related analogies). More recently, a natural framework for studying this connection emerged as it was realized that universal features of many quantum Hall (QH) phases are retained on a thin torus[12–15] (or Tao-Thouless, TT[14,16,17]) limit, where the interacting problem is trivially solvable. FQH states at odd-denominator filling factor fraction can be deformed into the TT limit without closing the energy gap, as has been rigorously shown at the Laughlin fractions[12–14,17–19] and plausibly argued for at other fractions.[14,15] Notably different behavior is found in states at even-denominator filling. For example, analysis of gapless QH state at filling fraction $\nu = 1/2$
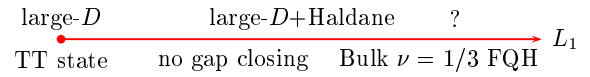

FIG. 1: (Color online) Phase diagram of $\nu = 1/3$ FQH system as a function of the circumference of the torus, L_1. The TT limit, $L_1 \to 0$, of the FQH problem corresponds to the large-D phase of a spin-chain. By increasing L_1, the bulk FQH state is adiabatically approached and the corresponding spin chain is, for intermediate L_1, characterized by co-existing features of the large-D and Haldane phases. For very large L_1 the FQH/spin-chain correspondence cannot be derived microscopically as indicated by question mark on the spin-chain side of the phase diagram.

shows that the system undergoes a first order phase transition from a gapped TT state to a gapless phase upon deformation of the torus.[12,14] In fact, this analysis of the $\nu = 1/2$ FQH state uses a $S = 1/2$ spin chain description. A similar spin-chain picture[21] can also capture features of non-Abelian states[22], which further adds to the analogies between spin-chain physics and the FQH effect. The possibility of a relationship between the Haldane conjecture and the FQH effect was suggested in Ref. 12. In this article, we provide explicit evidence for such a link by obtaining the phase diagram, sketched in Fig. 1, for the $\nu = 1/3$ FQH state away from the TT limit. We also outline how such connection can be extended to arbitrary filling fractions $\nu = p/q$.

Our effective model for the $\nu = 1/3$ system close to the TT limit has the form of a parity breaking spin-1 chain. Recently, such models have attracted interest in the context of ultra-cold lattice bosons[23] and are presently featuring in attempts to generally classify topological phases[24,25]. A consequence of the lack of parity symmetry is that phases that are normally separated by a phase boundary can co-exist. We demonstrate that the effective spin model has characteristics of both the

large-D phase (in which an anisotropic single-site term in the Hamiltonian, $H \sim D \sum_i (S_i^z)^2$, freezes the spins into $S^z = 0$) and the topologically non-trivial Haldane phase[1], and that the ground state thereof is adiabatically connected (no gap closing in the thermodynamic limit) to the ground states of both these phases. We also investigate to what extent the character of the FQH state can be captured by string order parameters, and find that a "dual" version of the conventional string order parameter may be suitable in this context. The fact that the gapped large-D and Haldane phases both exclusively exist for integer spin chains suggest that both play a role in a general connection between quantum spin chains and hierarchical (Abelian) FQH states.

The rest of this article is organized as follows. In Section II we study the FQH system away from the TT limit and motivate a parity breaking spin-1 chain as an effective model of the $\nu = 1/3$ system and outline how this can be generalized to arbitrary fractions. In Section III we focus on the spin-1 ($\nu = 1/3$) case and extend the effective spin-model to enable interpolation to more conventional spin models, which for example have large-D and Haldane phases. Concluding remarks are given in Section IV.

II. THIN TORUS LIMIT OF THE QUANTUM HALL SYSTEM

A. Mapping to one-dimensional model

We consider a model of N interacting electrons in the lowest Landau level on the torus. In the Landau gauge, a complete basis of N_ϕ degenerate single-particle states, labeled by $k = 0, \ldots, N_\phi - 1$, can be chosen as

$$\psi_k(x) = (\pi^{1/2} L_1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\imath (k_1 + nL_2)x_1} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x_2 + k_1 + nL_2)^2},$$

$$(1)$$

where L_i are the circumferences of the torus, x_i the corresponding coordinates, and $k_1 = 2\pi k/L_1$ the momentum along the L_1-cycle. We have set the magnetic length $l_{\mathrm{B}} \equiv \sqrt{\hbar/eB}$ equal to unity. In this basis, any translation-invariant 2D two-body interaction Hamiltonian assumes the form

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{k > |m|} \hat{V}_{km}, \quad \hat{V}_{km} \equiv V_{km} \sum_i c_{i+m}^\dagger c_{i+k}^\dagger c_{i+m+k} c_i,$$

$$(2)$$

where the matrix-element V_{km} specifies the amplitude for a process where particles with separation $k + m$ hop m steps to a separation $k - m$ (note that m can be negative). At the filling $\nu = p/q$ the Hamiltonian commutes with the center-of-mass magnetic translations[26] T_1 and T_2^q along the cycles, which implies, in particular, that the total momentum K along the L_1-cycle is conserved modulo N_ϕ in this gauge.

Laughlin's state is an exact zero-energy eigenstate of the above Hamiltonian with the choice

$$V_{km} = (k^2 - m^2) e^{-2(k^2 + m^2)\pi^2/L_1^2} \qquad (3)$$

obtained as the matrix elements of a periodized Haldane pseudo-potential $\nabla^2 \delta(\boldsymbol{r} - \boldsymbol{r}')$.[3,27] The amplitudes V_{km} are exponentially damped in $1/L_1^2$. Therefore, at small L_1 the model can be approximated by a few most dominant terms such as $\hat{V}_{10}$, $\hat{V}_{20}$, $\hat{V}_{21}$, etc. (From now on refer to $\hat{V}_{km} + \hat{V}_{k,-m}$ as simply $\hat{V}_{km}$ for brevity.) We also study the model with Coulomb matrix elements where longer range electrostatic terms $\hat{V}_{k0}$ are non-negligible.

B. Effective spin-1 model for $\nu = 1/3$

At the filling $\nu = N/N_\phi = 1/3$, the ground state manifold of the $\hat{V}_{10}$ and $\hat{V}_{20}$ -terms is three-fold degenerate, spanned by charge ordered states with one electron per a three-site unit cell: $|\cdots 010\,010\,010\,\cdots\rangle$. The $\hat{V}_{21}$-term induces fluctuations upon these ground states through the process

$$|010\,010\rangle \leftrightarrow |001\,100\rangle. \qquad (4)$$

The truncated model can be mapped to an $S = 1$ quantum spin chain by identifying the states of the unit cell as $|010\rangle \to |0\rangle$, $|001\rangle \to |+\rangle$, and $|100\rangle \to |-\rangle$. Clearly the identification explicitly break translational symmetry—there are three equivalent ways of grouping three electronic sites into one spin site. By choosing a particular grouping of the sites (so that the ground state appears at total $S^z = 0$) we effectively mod out the original three-fold degeneracy.[28] In terms of $S = 1$ variables, the $\hat{V}_{21}$-process is then accounted for by the Hamiltonian $\mathcal{H} = \sum_{i=1}^N h_{i,i+1}$ with

$$h_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} S_i^+ S_j^- \left(1 - (S_i^z)^2\right)\left(1 - (S_j^z)^2\right) + \mathrm{H.c.} \qquad (5)$$

We note that this Hamiltonian does not have the space inversion and spin reversal symmetries: the process $|00\rangle \leftrightarrow |+-\rangle$ exists but $|00\rangle \leftrightarrow |-+\rangle$ does not. This "parity" breaking is a consequence of the dependence of V_{km} on the single-particle momentum transfer m. For a fixed (initial) separation $k + m$, the amplitudes are asymmetric with respect to $m \leftrightarrow -m$. Inward hops have a greater amplitude than outward hops.

In the TT limit, the fractionalized excitations of the system are domain walls between the degenerate vacua. These can be included in the effective spin-chain description by introducing at the domain walls edge spins that carry a lower, $S = 1/2$, representation. The energetics of spatially separated domain walls is not essential to the FQH phenomenology as long as we can assume them to localize. Hence, in this paper we only analyze the exciton (bound quasielectron-quasihole pair) gap, which we relate to the Haldane gap in the effective spin model.
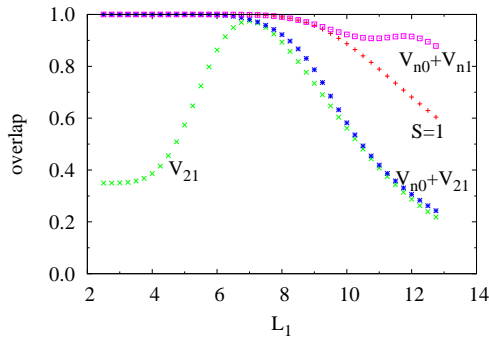
FIG. 2: (Color online) Overlaps of the exact $N = 8$ Laughlin state with the ground states of truncated Hamiltonians, consisting of a few leading terms, as functions of L_1. Also shown is the projection of the exact Laughlin state onto $S = 1$-chain Hilbert space.

To study the relevance of the model (5) for the Laughlin state, we have analyzed ground state overlaps and excitation spectra. Fig. 2 shows as functions of L_1 the overlaps of the exact Laughlin state, obtained as the ground state of the Hamiltonian including all $\hat{V}_{km}$ terms, with the ground states of various truncations: $\hat{V}_{21}$, $\sum_n \hat{V}_{n0} + \hat{V}_{21}$, $\sum_n (\hat{V}_{n0} + \hat{V}_{n1})$. Also, the projection of the Laughlin state onto the Hilbert space of $S = 1$ chain is shown.

The high overlap with the $\hat{V}_{21}$ Hamiltonian at around $L_1 = 7$ indicates that the ground state around this L_1 is related to the ground state of the $\hat{V}_{21}$-Hamiltonian, which when restricted to the $S = 1$ -chain Hilbert space, maps to the parity-broken $S = 1$ model in (5). Further evidence comes from the fact that the truncated Hamiltonian reproduces the low energy part of the entanglement spectrum of the Laughlin state[29].

To determine whether the low-lying excitations are also captured by a $S = 1$ spin chain, we study how the spectrum of the quantum Hall system changes as we deform the potential from the full exact pseudopotential and Coulomb potential to $\mathcal{Q}\hat{V}_{21}\mathcal{Q}$, where the projector $\mathcal{Q}$ projects to the Hilbert space of the $S = 1$ chain. Note that the pure hopping Hamiltonian $\hat{V}_{21}$ preserves $S = 1$ Hilbert space in the ground state sector, in which the TT state lies, but in general this is not true. For example, $\hat{V}_{21}$ acting on $100\,100$ takes it to a configuration $011\,000$, which lies outside the $S = 1$ Hilbert space. Hence, we include the projectors to make connection to the spin-chain models. Results of the analysis are shown in Fig. 3, where we have fixed $L_1 = 7$. The panels show how the spectrum of lowest-lying excitations in each K-sector changes upon various linear interpolations: (a) full Coulomb Hamiltonian $\mathcal{H}_c$ to $\mathcal{Q}\hat{V}_{21}\mathcal{Q}$, (b) $\mathcal{H}_c$ to the Haldane pseudopotential Hamiltonian $\mathcal{H}_p$, and (c) $\mathcal{H}_p$ to $\mathcal{Q}\hat{V}_{21}\mathcal{Q}$. According to the discussion above our results provide an explicit interpolation between the FQH Hamiltonian (2) and the
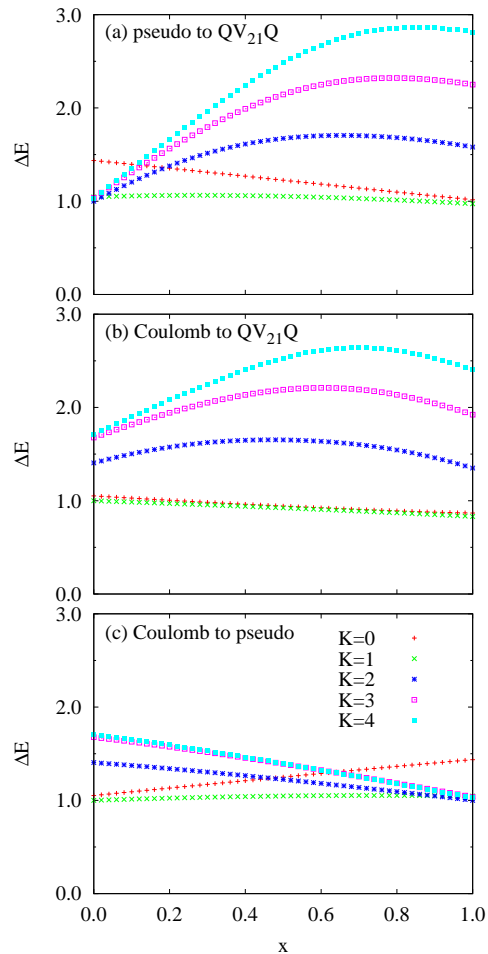

FIG. 3: (Color online) Excitation spectra (the lowest levels for each K) of the Hamiltonians (a) $\mathcal{H} = (1-x)\mathcal{H}_p + x\mathcal{Q}\hat{V}_{21}\mathcal{Q}$, (b)$\mathcal{H} = (1-x)\mathcal{H}_c + x\mathcal{Q}\hat{V}_{21}\mathcal{Q}$, and (c) $\mathcal{H} = (1-x)\mathcal{H}_c + x\mathcal{H}_p$, for fixed $L_1 = 7$ and $N = 8$.

spin chain defined in (5).[30] We observe that the gap remains finite and approximately constant throughout the interpolations. The ordering of the levels as a function of the momentum K (relative to the ground state) can be thought of as the exciton dispersion. We find that the dispersions obtained with the Coulomb and the $\mathcal{Q}\hat{V}_{21}\mathcal{Q}$ Hamiltonians largely agree. It is interesting to note that the low-lying $K = 0$ excitation crosses some of the finite-K levels upon deformation of the Coulomb to the pseudopotential Hamiltonian. For the purpose of the present article we conclude that also the spectrum of our spin model is compatible with that of the FQH problem for a realistic interaction.

C. Effective spin model for generic filling fractions

The mapping of the $\nu = 1/3$ FQH system onto a spin-1 model carried out above readily generalizes to arbi-

		$\mathcal{P}$	$\mathcal{T}$	k	BC	M
E_0	G.S.	+1	+1	0	+1	0
E_1	Haldane	−1	−1	0	−1	0
E_2	Large-D	+1	+1	0	−1	0
E_3	Dimer	+1	+1	π	−1	0
E_4	XY	+1	*	0	+1	2

TABLE I: Discrete symmetries of the excitation spectra ($\mathcal{P}$: space inversion, $\mathcal{T}$: spin reversal, k: wave number, and M: total S^z). BC= 1 (BC= −1) stands for (anti)periodic boundary conditions. G.S. means the ground state.

trary filling fractions. At rational filling $\nu = p/q$ the TT ground states have unit cells of length q containing p electrons being as far separated as possible[14]. The q degenerate translations of the unit cell can be thought of as the $2S + 1$ states of a spin $S = (q − 1)/2$, which suggests a mapping of the FQH system at the filling $\nu = p/q$ onto an effective $S = (q − 1)/2$ spin chain. This makes a general connection between odd (even) denominator FQH fractions and the integer (half-integer) spin-chains explicit.

III. ANALYSIS OF THE SPIN-1 MODEL

A. Twisted boundary method for ground state

In order to identify the universality class of the ground state of the model (5), we extend the Hamiltonian as

$$h_{ij} = \frac{1}{2}S_i^+ S_j^- \left(1 − \lambda(S_i^z)^2\right)\left(1 − \lambda(S_j^z)^2\right) + \text{H.c.}$$
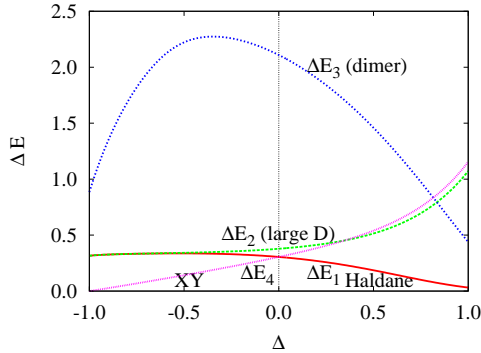$$+ \Delta S_i^z S_j^z + \frac{D}{2}\left((S_i^z)^2 + (S_j^z)^2\right). \quad (6)$$

FIG. 4: (Color online) Excitation spectra ΔE_i of the XXZ chain ($D = \lambda = 0$) with system size $N = 16$ under antiperiodic boundary conditions. The lowest spectrum corresponds to different four ground states (XY, Haldane, large-D, and dimer phases). A level crossing at $\Delta = 0$ corresponds to XY-Haldane phase transition point reflecting the hidden SU(2) symmetry.[32,33]
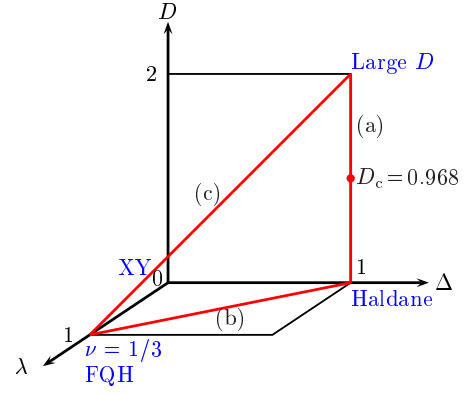

FIG. 5: (Color online) Parameter space of the model (6) connecting three phases (XY, Haldane, large-D phases) in the $S = 1$ quantum spin chain and the $\nu = 1/3$ fractional quantum Hall state.

We then study the adiabaticity of deformations from parameter regions where physical properties are already known, to the point $\Delta = D = 0$ and $\lambda = 1$, which is related to the $\nu = 1/3$ FQH effect according to the discussion above, and will henceforth be referred to as the FQH point.

Now let us review properties of this model (6) for already known parameter regions. For $\lambda = D = 0$, the model reduces to the $S = 1$ XXZ spin chain. Then the system is ferromagnetic at $\Delta < −1$. It has the XY phase at $−1 \leq \Delta \leq 0$, the Haldane phase at $0 < \Delta < \Delta_c$, and is in the Néel state at $\Delta_c < \Delta$, where $\Delta_c = 1.17 \pm 0.02$.[31] The XY-Haldane transition is of the Berezinskii-Kosterlitz-Thouless (BKT) type, reflecting the SU(2) symmetry of the XY model.[32,33] For $\lambda = 0$, with finite D and Δ, the phase diagram has been obtained using the level-crossing method with twisted boundary conditions.[33,34] For example, at $\Delta = 1$, a phase transition from Haldane to large-D phases takes place at $D_c = 0.968 \pm 0.001$.[37–39]

In order to analyze the parameter regions beyond the known ones, we study the excitation spectra of the system under antiperiodic boundary conditions using the exact diagonalization.[33,34] The antiperiodic boundary conditions have the role of *making the non-degenerate ground states artificially two-fold degenerate*. In such analysis, there are four essential excitations that can be used to identify four possible phases. By probing the differences

$$\Delta E_i \equiv E_i − E_0, \ (i = 1, 2, 3, 4) \quad (7)$$

where E_0 is the ground state energy with periodic boundary conditions, the ground state of the infinite-size system can be identified according to the lowest excitation in finite-size systems. This means that phase transition points are given by level crossings of the two lowest energy levels under the twisted boundary conditions.

Discrete symmetry plays an important role in relating the twisted levels to four physical phases (XY, Haldane,

large-D, and dimer phases). According to the valence-bond-solid pictures[35] and periodicity, the three gapped states under twisted boundary conditions are classified by space inversion ($\mathcal{P} : S_i^\alpha \to S_{L+1-i}^\alpha$), spin reversal ($\mathcal{T} : S_i^\alpha \to -S_i^\alpha$),[31] and translational ($e^{ik} : S_i^\alpha \to S_{i+1}^\alpha$)[36] symmetries as summarized in Table I. In the present system, the spin-reversal symmetry is always synchronized with the space-inversion symmetry, hence we refer to them as parity. The important role of twisted boundary conditions should be noted here; under periodic boundary conditions *the three gapped states have the same parity*. In this method, finite-size effects are extremely small even in small size clusters, since the positions of the level-crossing points are free from logarithmic corrections. For example, in case of the $S = 1$ XXZ model ($D = \lambda = 0$), there is a level-crossing point between ΔE_1 and ΔE_4 at $\Delta = 0$, which corresponds to the BKT-type transition between the XY and the Haldane phases (see Fig. 4).[33]

According to the conventional classification, the gapped state at the FQH point ($\Delta = D = 0, \lambda = 1$) would be expected to belong either to the Haldane or large-D phases. Therefore, we consider the behavior of the excitation spectra along the following three paths in the parameter space (see Fig. 5): (a)$\Delta = 1, \lambda = 0$, (b)$\Delta = 1 - \lambda, D = 0$, and (c)$\Delta = 1 - \lambda, D = 2(1 - \lambda)$. According to the numerical data of the excitation energies obtained by the exact diagonalization of $N = 16$ clusters, there is a phase transition between Haldane and large-D phases in path (a). On the other hand, there is no level-crossing point between the lowest two spectra in the path (b) and (c), so that the FQH point is adiabatically connected form both Haldane and large-D phases (see Fig. 6).

The absence of phase transitions can be understood in terms of the discrete symmetry of the system. In the excitation spectra along the path (a) with finite $\lambda > 0$, the level crossing between ΔE_1 and ΔE_2 is absent as shown in Fig. 7(a). This is because there are finite matrix elements between two parity sectors that were independent in parity-invariant case, and these two energy levels hybridize. Therefore absence of the level-crossing is due to the parity symmetry breaking. Thus the FQH state ($\Delta = D = 0, \lambda = 1$) belongs to both Haldane and large-D phases. This situation is quite similar to the absence of phase transition between dimer and large-D phases in the $S = 1$ bond-alternating Heisenberg chain with finite dimerization δ.[37,39]

$$h_{ij} = [1 + \delta(-1)^i]\boldsymbol{S}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{S}_j + \frac{D}{2}\left((S_i^z)^2 + (S_j^z)^2\right). \quad (8)$$

In this case, a similar level repulsion takes place between E_2 and E_3 due to the breaking of the translational symmetry (see Fig. 7(b)). Arguments for the stability of the Haldane gap state in terms of symmetry are also discussed in Refs. 23–25.
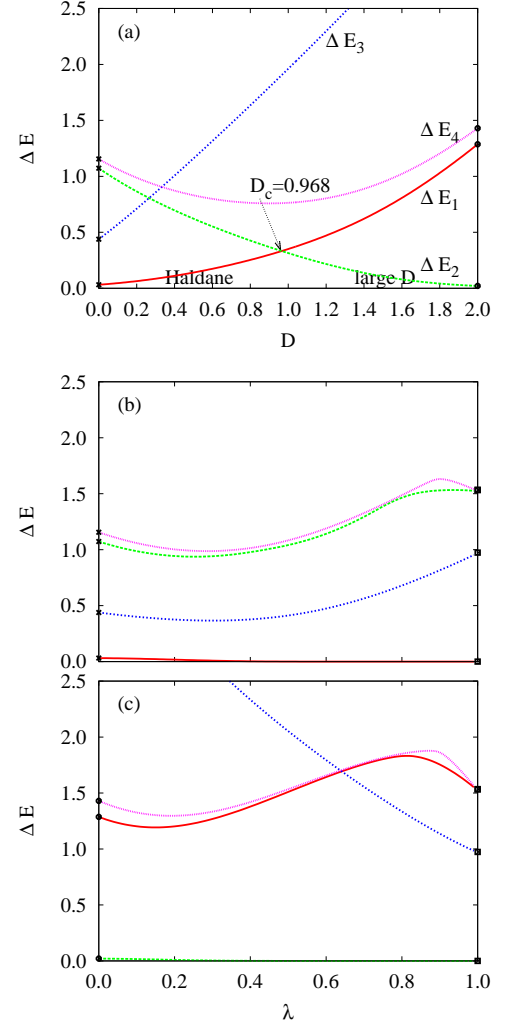

FIG. 6: (Color online) Excitation spectra of the $N = 16$ system under antiperiodic boundary conditions along the paths (a), (b), and (c) of Fig. 5. In path (a), a level crossing between different parity (ΔE_1 and ΔE_2) corresponds to the phase transition point between the Haldane and large-D phases at $D_c = 0.968 \pm 0.001$.[39] In paths (b) and (c), there are no gap closing points, since there are no level-crossing points between the lowest two excitations.

B. Energy gap

Let us turn our attention to the behavior of the energy gap for $S^z = 0$ and $S^z = 1$ excitations along paths (b) and (c) of Fig. 5. The energy gaps are obtained by the following extrapolation function $\Delta E_g(N) = \Delta E_g(\infty) + A/N + B/N^2$ using the data of the system size $N = 8, 10, 12, 14, 16$. Especially, for the $S^z = 0$ case, extrapolation of difference between the lowest two excitation energies under the twisted boundary conditions ($\Delta E_{1,2,3}$) gives the energy gap with good accuracy.[41] We have checked the validity of our analysis by comparing our result with the known value of the Haldane

gap $E_g(\infty) = 0.4104 \cdots$. In Fig. 8, the energy gaps along path (b) and (c) are shown. Energy gap for $S^z = 2$ which has been omitted is always larger than that of $S^z = 1$. As we expected, there is no gap closing point along either of the paths. In path (b), the Haldane gap is given by $S^z = 0$ gap, and there is a level-crossing in the excited state close to the FQH point ($\lambda = 1$), then the $S^z = 1$ state gives the energy gap. In this sense our $S = 1$ model actually give closer description of the $\nu = 1/3$ Coulomb state than the the pseudopotential interaction (which has the Laughlin state as its exact ground state) since the energy gap of the Coulomb interaction mapped to one dimension has $K = 1$ ($S^z = 1$) energy gap, while the pseudopotential interactions has a minimal gap in the $K = 2$ ($S^z = 2$) sector.

C. Order parameters

In addition to the analysis of energy spectra, we consider the behavior of string order parameters (SOP's).[8] In order to be define useful SOP's, we extend our $S = 1$ model to a $S = 1/2$ ladder by making the following replacements[40]:

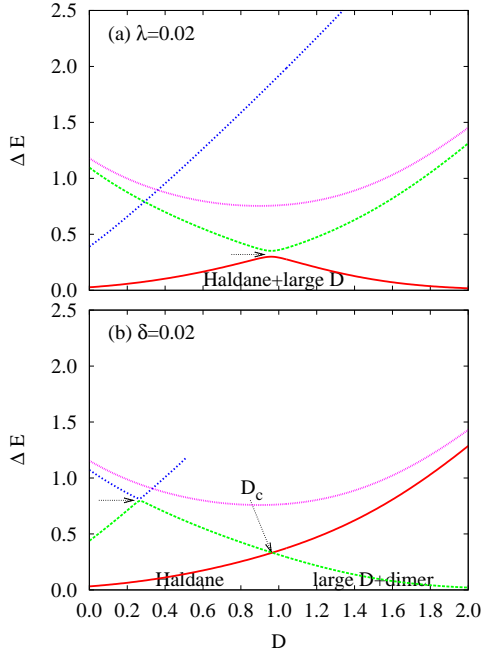$$S_j^\alpha \to S_{1,j}^\alpha + S_{2,j}^\alpha, \tag{9}$$

FIG. 7: (Color online) Excitation spectra with system size $N = 16$ around the path (a) of Fig. 5 with (a) finite $\lambda = 0.02$ and (b) $\delta = 0.02$ (bond alternation). In (a), a level repulsion appears between two spectra ΔE_1 and ΔE_2 due to the breaking of parity symmetry, while in (b) ΔE_1 and ΔE_3 hybridize due to the breaking of translational symmetry.
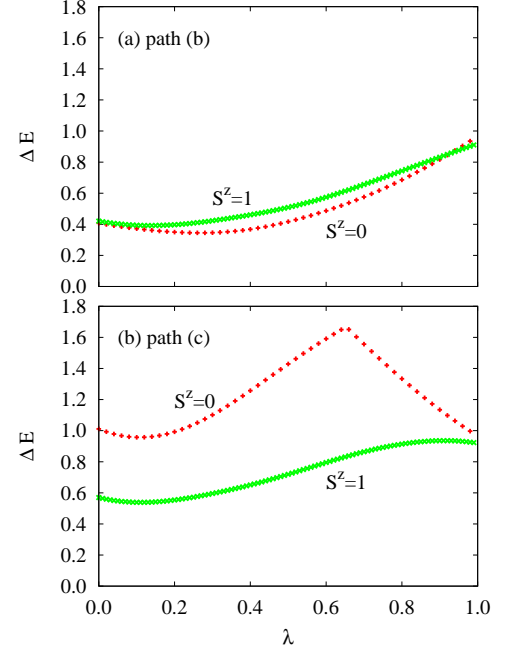
FIG. 8: (Color online) Extrapolated energy gap for $S^z = 0$ and 1 along the paths (b) and (c) of Fig. 5. In path (c), there is a level crossing in excited states. At the FQH state ($\lambda = 1$), $S^z = 1$ gap is the lowest which is consistent with the structure of the excited states with Coulomb interactions.

where $S_{1,j}^\alpha$ and $S_{2,j}^\alpha$ are the $S = 1/2$ variables for the first and the second legs. In this extension, we can introduce the rung exchange term

$$\mathcal{H}_\perp = \sum_{i=1}^{N} J_\perp \boldsymbol{S}_{1,i} \cdot \boldsymbol{S}_{2,i}, \tag{10}$$

which at strong ferromagnetic coupling $J_\perp \to -\infty$ makes the ladder system equivalent to the $S = 1$ chain. In the present case, however, the model expressed in the ladder basis commutes with the rung exchange term of eq. (10), so that the physics of the $S = 1$ chain is obtained by choosing appropriate value of $J_\perp$.

The purpose of this extension is to introduce the following two SOP's,[40]

$$\mathcal{O}_p^\alpha = - \lim_{|k-l|\to\infty} \left\langle \tilde{S}_{p,k}^\alpha \exp\left[i\pi \sum_{j=k+1}^{l-1} \tilde{S}_{p,j}^\alpha \right] \tilde{S}_{p,l}^\alpha \right\rangle. \tag{11}$$

where $\langle \cdots \rangle$ denotes the ground-state expectation value, and $\alpha = x, y, z$. The composite spin operators for $p = \{\text{odd}, \text{even}\}$ are defined by

$$\tilde{S}_{\text{odd},j}^\alpha = S_{1,j}^\alpha + S_{2,j}^\alpha, \quad \tilde{S}_{\text{even},j}^\alpha = S_{1,j}^\alpha + S_{2,j+1}^\alpha. \tag{12}$$

These two SOP's distinguish between two topologically different short-range valence bond ground states, namely a state in the universality class of the Haldane-gapped

$S = 1$ state described by the Affleck-Kennedy-Lieb-Tasaki (AKLT) model, and a resonating valence bond (RVB) state such as the rung dimer state and the large-D phase. In terms of these SOP's, the AKLT and the RVB phases are characterized by $\mathcal{O}^\alpha_{\mathrm{odd}} \neq 0$, $\mathcal{O}^\alpha_{\mathrm{even}} = 0$, and by $\mathcal{O}^\alpha_{\mathrm{odd}} = 0$, $\mathcal{O}^\alpha_{\mathrm{even}} \neq 0$, respectively. Note that $\mathcal{O}^\alpha_{\mathrm{even}}$ cannot be defined in the original spin-1 system.

We calculate the odd and even SOP's in finite-size systems with $l = k + L/2$, using exact diagonalization, along the three paths (a)-(c) shown in Fig. 6. We find that the odd-SOP tends to vanish for the large-D and the FQH state, while the even-SOP shows the opposite behavior. As shown in Fig. 9 we also find that crossing points of these two SOP's appear. As discussed in Ref. 42, in usual spin ladder system with parity symmetry, a crossing of the SOP's is equivalent to the level-crossing point of the excitation energies, and gives a transition point between the AKLT and the RVB phases. However, in the parity-broken system, the crossing of SOP's does not indicate a phase transition, as discussed previously. We should also note that the behavior of the even-SOP is reminiscent of the "parity order parameter" of $S = 1$ chain discussed in Ref. 23, $\mathcal{O} = \lim_{|k-l|\to\infty} \langle \exp[\mathrm{i}\pi \sum_{j=k+1}^{l-1} S_j^z] \rangle$ which has the same bosonized representation as the even-SOP.

The present result indicates that the FQH state around the TT limit is well characterized by the even-SOP rather than the odd-SOP. The large-D phase corresponds to the charge-ordered state in the original model (2), and it well known that the charge-order wave correlation survives for the system with finite circumference of the torus L_1, so that the even-SOP may remain finite as L_1 is increased. However, the Haldane and the large-D phases always co-exist, and the phase characterized by the even-SOP has the nature of a "dual" Haldane phase, related to the usual Haldane phase by a duality analogous to the Kramers-Wannier relation in the two-dimensional Ising model.[42] Therefore, the present system has properties characteristic of the Haldane phase, provided that the energy gap does not close. Note that the parity symmetry is absent also in the original one-dimensional model with long range interactions (2).

Recently, a classification of topological phases in one and two dimensions has been suggested which is based on degeneracies in the entanglement spectrum.[25,43] This approach may also shed light on the relationship between quantum Hall systems and quantum spin systems.

IV. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we have discussed the relationship between the $\nu = 1/3$ FQH state in the vicinity of the TT limit and $S = 1$ spin chains with Haldane gap. In the TT limit, the ground state is charge-ordered and corresponds to the large-D phase of the $S = 1$ spin chain. Away form the TT limit, the system retains characteristics of the large-D phase, but the Haldane phase also coexists due to the broken parity symmetry. It is plausi-
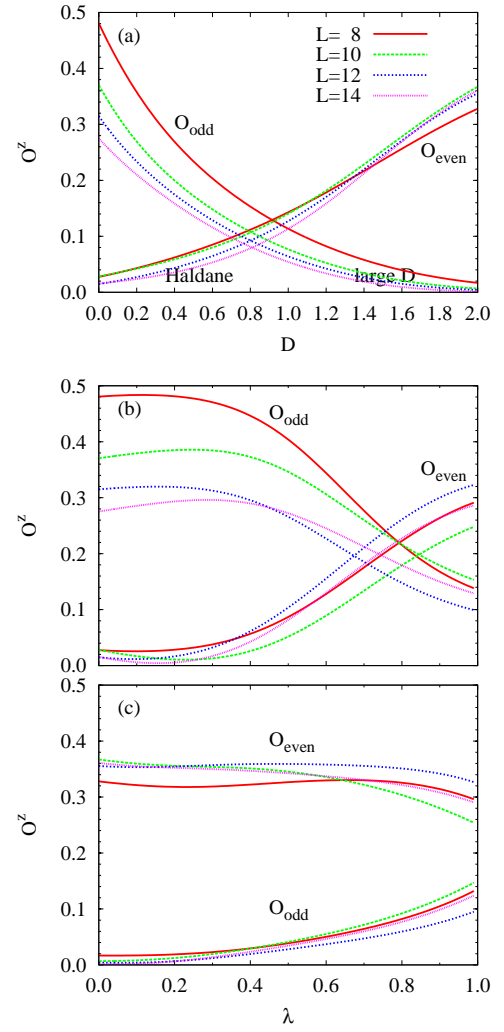

FIG. 9: (Color online) String order parameters in the ladder system $\mathcal{O}^z_{\mathrm{odd}}$ and $\mathcal{O}^z_{\mathrm{even}}$ with $N = 10$-14, along the paths (a), (b), and (c) (see Fig. 5). The odd-SOP tends to vanish around the large-D phase and the FQH state while the even-SOP behaves in the opposite way.

ble that features of the pure Haldane phase may become more pronounced as the circumference of the torus L_1 is increased beyond the range of applicability of our analysis (see Fig. 1). This scenario is supported by the observation in Ref. 6 that the off-diagonal long-range order in the Laughlin state is very similar in nature to the string order in the Haldane phase.

As outlined in this work, the present analysis of the $\nu = 1/3$ also be extended to general (even) odd-denominator filling fractions, ν, by mapping to (half-)integer-S spin chains. It is well known that the both the gapped Haldane and large-D phases only exist for odd-integer spin chains, and the present work signals their relevance to the odd-denominator rule in the hierarchy of fractional quantum Hall states.

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